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| Applicant          | : Agarwal et al.                                    |                   |      |
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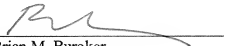
**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on March 30, 2004. To date, Applicants have not received a First Office Action.

It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Since twenty-two (22) months have passed from the filing date of the application, Applicant would appreciate an indication as to when he might receive the first communication on the merits from the Patent Office.

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